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Filed June 6, 2000]

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund of the \$1400 Issue Fee and \$300 Publication Fee paid to the PTO on June 22, 2005. This is in response to a Notice of Withdrawal from Issue.

According to the Notice (copy enclosed) dated December 6, 2005, the issue fee is refundable upon request. The applicants' attorney would prefer to have the money returned instead of applying it towards future fees that may be incurred.

Kindly credit the prompt refund of \$1700 to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kara Reade, Accounting Assistant, at (202) 721-8226.

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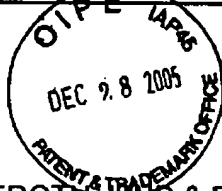
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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b)(3).

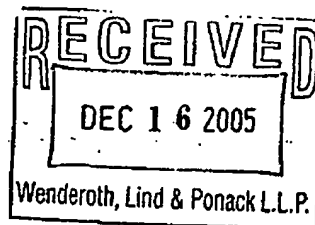
The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon written request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due upon written request. This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

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The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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